

having an adhesive medium consisting of fluorine. This is the unique technical relationship shared by all of the claims appearing in this application.

Applicants have claimed a novel product, a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process thereby meeting the requirement for unity of invention. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the finality of this requirement.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 are rejected as indefinite in accordance with the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claim 1 has been amended to remove the “especially for” language.

Claim 2 has been amended to remove the “it” language.

Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to remove the “insertion” language.

Due to the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim rejections should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

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1. (Amended) Fastening part[, especially] for the foaming of cushioning parts [in the manufacture of vehicle seats, with] comprising:
adhesive elements [(10)] on one side to connect with corresponding adhesive elements of another fastening part forming a fastening, and [with]
a connecting element in the nature of an adhesive medium on the other side of the fastening part to produce a connection with [the] a respective foam material,
[characterized by the fact that] wherein the adhesive medium consists of fluorine.
2. (Amended) Fastening part in accordance with Claim 1, [characterized by the fact that] wherein [it is formed from a] the fastening part comprises polyolefin material.
3. (Amended) Process for [the manufacture] manufacturing [of] a fastening part in accordance with Claim 1[, characterized by the fact that] comprising the following step:
applying [the] a fluorine [is applied in the form of a] gas in a nitrogen atmosphere.
4. (Amended) Process in accordance with Claim 3, [characterized by the fact that the insertion] wherein the applying step is [made in] a continuous [or discontinuous] operation with 3 percent fluorine at room temperature and at a reduced pressure [or 10 percent fluorine at 40 to 50°C and 650 mbar in each case].
5. (Amended) Device for the execution of the process in accordance with Claim 3,
[characterized by the fact that] comprising:
a low pressure chamber.

wherein the fastening [parts] part [are] is subjected to a fluorine-nitrogen gas atmosphere in [a] the low pressure chamber.

6. (Amended) Device in accordance with Claim 5, [characterized by the fact that it has] further comprising:

a connection [(16)] for an evacuation pump,

[as well as] an entry [(18)], and

an outlet [(20)] for the fastening part [untreated or treated with fluorine].

7. (Amended) Process for [the manufacture] manufacturing [of] a fastening part in accordance with Claim 2[, characterized by the fact that] comprising the following step:
applying [the] a fluorine [is applied in the form of a] gas in a nitrogen atmosphere.

8. (Amended) Process in accordance with claim 7, [characterized by the fact that the insertion] wherein the applying step is [made in] a continuous [or discontinuous] operation with 3 percent fluorine at room temperature and at a reduced pressure [or 10 percent fluorine at 40 to 50°C and 650 mbar in each case].

9. (Amended) Device for the execution of the process in accordance with Claim 4, [characterized by the fact that] comprising:

a low pressure chamber,

wherein the fastening [parts] part [are] is subjected to a fluorine-nitrogen gas atmosphere in [a] the low pressure chamber.

10. (Amended) Device in accordance with Claim 9, [characterized by the fact that it has]

further comprising:

a connection [(16)] for an evacuation pump,

[as well as] an entry [(18)], and

an outlet [(20)] for the fastening part [untreated or treated with fluorine].